

Mint of the U. States at Philad^a

M^t Refining Dept

Phil^a 23 Sept. 1879

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Hon A Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Respectfully yours
J^t C Booth M^t R

710 1/4

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

23rd Sept., 1879.

J. C. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

Raw and char
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No. of Enclosures,

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